

REMARKS

Summary of Office Action

Claims 1-11 and 13-35 were pending in this application.

Claims 1-6, 13-16, 19-23, and 25-35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schein et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,002,394 ("Schein") in view of Knee U.S. Patent No. 5,589,892 ("Knee").

Claims 7-11, 17, and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schein in view of Knee and further in view of Ward et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,756,997 ("Ward").

Claim 18 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schein in view of Knee and further in view of Moncreiff U.S. Patent No. 5,828,839 ("Moncreiff").

Summary of Applicants' Reply

Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to more particularly define the claimed invention. No new matter has been added and the amendments are fully supported by the original specification (see, e.g., p. 21, l. 5 to l. 30).

Applicants have canceled claim 7.

The Examiner's rejections of claims 1-11 and 13-35 are respectfully traversed.

The Rejection of Claims 1-11 and 13-35

Claims 1-6, 13-16, 19-23, and 25-35 were rejected as being unpatentable over Schein in view of Knee. Claims 7-10, 11, 17, and 24 were rejected as being unpatentable over Schein in view of Knee and further in view of Ward. Claim 18 was rejected as being unpatentable over Schein in view of Knee and further in view of Moncreiff. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Schein broadly discloses an Internet television program guide with real-time data. Knee broadly discloses a television program guide with real-time data embedded in the program listings. Applicants' claimed invention, as recited in amended claim 1, patentably improves over Schein and Knee, whether taken alone or in combination, by combining an online guide that includes real-time data embedded in program listings with an additional feature. In particular, applicants' claimed approach requires the simultaneous display of television program listings with embedded real-time data and additional real-time data in response to a user selection of a program listing with embedded real-time data

(emphasis added). The additional real-time data, which includes textual information related to the selected program listing, is displayed in an area of the screen outside of the program listings. For example, FIG. 9 of applicants' figures shows the listing "Knicks vs. Bulls" from listings 620 that was selected by the user. The selected listing includes embedded real-time data (i.e., 43-42, the current score for the Knicks-Bulls game). FIG. 6 also shows program information box 636, in which is displayed additional real-time data related to the "Knicks vs. Bulls" listing (e.g., half-time, Patrick Ewing put the Knicks ahead). See p. 21, ll. 5-30.

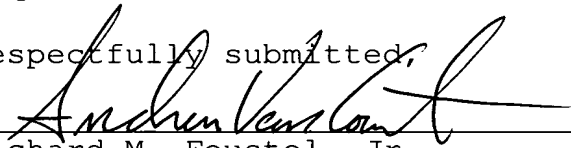
For at least the foregoing reason, applicants submit that the Examiner has not provided sufficient motivation for combining Schein and Knee, and that independent claim 1 is allowable over Schein and Knee. Claims 2-6, 8-11 and 13-35, which depend from independent claim 1, are also allowable for at least the reason that independent claim 1 is allowable.¹ Accordingly, applicants respectfully request the rejection of claims 1-6, 8-11 and 13-35 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn.

¹ Applicants reserve the right to argue the separate patentability of these claims should prosecution continue.

Conclusion

The foregoing demonstrates that claims 1-6, 8-11 and 13-35 are allowable. This application is therefore in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are accordingly respectfully requested.

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